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SUBJECT: TIPI CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA - IRRADIATION OF
RONGALAPESE AND UTIRIKESE PEOPLE

1. EARLIER MESSAGES HAVE REPORTED REP. ATAJI
STATEMENTS CONCERNING IRRADIATION OF RONGALAPESE AND
UTIRIKESE, AND CONTROVERSY CONCERNING MNS COVERAGE HIS

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REMARKS. JANUARY 28 BALOS MADE FURTHER STATEMENT ON
ABOVE SUBJECTS WHICH BEING PROVIDED IN ALMOST FULL TEXT
BELOW GIVEN LOOMING SIGNIFICANCE ISSUES INVOLVED.

2. BEGIN TEXT. ON WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK I MADE COMMENT
NEWS SERVICE HAD DISTORTED AND MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING
SERVICE HAD SUPPRESSED WHAT I SAID TO THIS HOUSE ON TUESDAY.

3. WEDNESDAY, HIGH COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR PUBLIC
AFFAIRS FLEW HERE FROM SAIPAN. YESTERDAY, MNS HAD ANOTHER
STORY ABOUT MY STATEMENT.

4. I HAVE SAID PEOPLE OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK HAVE
BEEN TRYING BRING THEIR PLIGHT TO ATTENTION OF

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ADMINISTRATION FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS. THEIR CAUSE IS JUST CAUSE AND SO I DO NOT INTEND TO GIVE UP EASILY. I ASK YOU TO BEAR WITH ME FOR FEW MOMENTS BECAUSE I WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT MNS STORY SAID. AND I WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT I THINK ABOUT IT.

5. MNS REPORTED ME AS SAYING: "BALSO ACCUSED MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE OF MANAGING NEWS TO HIDE FREE EXPRESSION OF IDEAS FROM PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA....PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY ARE CRITICAL OF ADMINISTRATION."

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6. WHAT THEY DID NOT INCLUDE IN STORY WAS THAT I ALSO SAID: "PERHAPS IT IS BECAUSE THEY FEAR TRUTH OF STATEMENTS I HAVE MADE."

7. IN MY REMARKS TO THIS HOUSE ON TUESDAY, I SAID THAT IF HIGH COMMISSIONER AND ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL DID NOT CARE ABOUT PEOPLE OF THESE TWO ISLANDS, MAYBE WE SHOULD DEPORT THEM. I ALSO SAID I WAS CONVINCED UNITED STATES DELIBERATELY ALLOWED THESE PEOPLE TO BE EXPOSED TO RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT.

IN YESTERDAY'S MNS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS SAID HE WAS "SHOCKED I WOULD MAKE SUCH "FALSE AND GROSSLY IRRESPONSIBLE CHARGES."

9. NOW, WHILE I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THIS MAN, I ALSO REALIZE HE IS DOING A JOB. I AM SURE THAT IF HE WERE STILL A U.S. CONGRESSMAN AND IT WERE HIS CONSTITUENTS FROM PENNSYLVANIA THAT WERE MAIMED, DISABLED AND STRICKEN BY RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT, HE WOULD NOT CEASE HIS EFFORTS TO SEEK JUSTICE FOR THEM. THAT IS KIND OF HUMAN PERSON I THINK HE IS. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT JUST BECAUSE AN OFFICIAL OF GOVERNMENT SAYS CHARGES WERE

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"FALSE AND IRRESPONSIBLE" DOESN'T MEAN THEY ARE. HE DID NOT OFFER EVIDENCE, OR PROVE TO ME OR ANYONE MY CHARGES WERE FALSE. I SAY BURDEN OF PROOF RESTS WITH UNITED STATES, WHO CONDUCTED TESTS.

10. NEXT STORY QUOTED DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AGAIN.

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HE SAID I HAVE BEEN GIVEN DETAILED MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT PEOPLE ON RONGLAP AND UTIRIK.

11. INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO ME BY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS VAGUE AND GENERAL. WHAT IT NORMALLY SAYS IS THAT RADIATION LEVELS IN PEOPLE ARE LOW. I DO NOT THINK THAT IS VERY DETAILED.

12. DIRECTOR ALSO SAID "WE REGRET REPRESENTATIVE CHOOSES IGNORE AND DISTORT INFORMATION."

13. MAYBE HE THOUGHT I DREW MY CONCLUSIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES REPORT. HE SHOULD HAVE LOOKED AT HOUSE JOURNAL. MY SO-CALLED DISTORTIONS OF INFORMATION WERE BASED ON OPINIONS OF JAPANESE MEDICAL EXPERTS, WHICH CONGRESSMAN SETIK INSERTED INTO THE JOURNAL.

14. MNS STORY THEN QUOTES DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AS SAYING MNS AND MBS DO AND WILL CONTINUE REPORT
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"FREELY ON RESPONSIBLE EXPRESSIONS OF OPINIONS AND IDEAS FROM CONGRESS."

15. WHAT HE DID NOT SAY WAS MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM SUPPRESSED MY SPEECH UNTIL HIGH COMMISSIONER COULD COME TO PALAU TO MAKE RESPONSE. I HAVE HERE LETTER FROM BROADCAST PEOPLE TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PEOPLE WHICH SAYS IN PART: "WE ARE NOT, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, GUILTY OF HIS ACCUSATIONS. WE ARE GUILTY, HOWEVER, OF "SITTING"

ON STORY UNTIL BALANCE OF STATEMENTS BETWEEN BALOS AND ADMINISTRATION CAN BE OBTAINED."

16. ENGLISH MAY BE SECOND LANGUAGE FOR ME, BUT I THINK THERE IS NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUPPRESSING STORY AND SITTING ON IT. AS FAR AS I KNOW, ADMINISTRATION NEVER GETS ON ITS OWN STORIES. THIS KIND OF DICTATORIAL CONTROL OF NEWS SERVICE LEADS ADMINISTRATION TO NEGLECT ITS PRIMARY DUTY TO KEEP PEOPLE INFORMED. ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE BIG MESS OF THIS ISSUE. THEY COULD HAVE AVOIDED

IT BY SIMPLY BROADCASTING WHAT I HAD TO SAY AND THEN PRESENTING THEIR SIDE OF IT.

17. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ALSO IMPLIED ADMINISTRATION

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AND BROADCAST NEWS THAT IT CONSIDERS RESPONSIBLE.
TO ME THAT THEY WILL DECIDE WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE
IS NOT. THIS KIND OF ATTITUDE IS PREJUDICIAL.
ATTITUDE OF CENSOR AND NOT OF PERSON CHARGED
KEEPING PUBLIC INFORMED.

IF PEOPLE HEAR AND READ ONLY WHAT HAS BEEN PUT
BY GOVERNMENT NEWS SERVICES -- THEN THEY WILL
BE AN IRRESPONSIBLE PERSON. PERHAPS THAT IS WHAT
WANTS THEM TO THINK. THEY KNOW IT IS
HEAR--MAYBE THEY THINK I WILL BE DEFEATED AND
BY SOMEONE WHO WON'T ASK THEM EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS.
SAID I CALLED FOR INCREASED CONCERN FOR
RONGELAP AND UTIRIK.

CALLLED FOR MORE THAN "INCREASED CONCERN," I
ACTION.

CALLLED UPON THIS CONGRESS TO INVITE WORLD HEALTH
AND JAPANESE SOCIETY AGAINST A AND H BOMBS
DATE AND STUDY MY PEOPLE. I'VE BEEN CONCERNED FOR
NOW I WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

SAID BEFORE, IN MY SEARCH FOR TRUTH, WORDS

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"GROSSLY IRRESPONSIBLE" HAVE BEEN ATTACHED TO WHAT I SAID.
23. I THINK THOSE TWO WORDS ARE VERY FITTING. I THINK SO,
BECAUSE DISLOCATIONS AND BOMB TESTS IN MARSHALL ISLANDS
WERE TO ME GROSSLY IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS BY UNITED STATES, A
NATION THAT HAS COMMITTED MANY GROSS AND IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS IN

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NAME OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEMOCRACY.

24. WHAT HAS REALLY DISTURBED ME -- MORE THAN DEPORTATION
OF JAPANESE TEAM I INVITED TO MY HOME ISLANDS -- IS FACT
ADMINISTRATION TREATS THIS WHOLE MATTER AS SOME KIND
POLITICAL GAME. ALL MY PEOPLE AND I HAVE GOTTEN FOR
OUR TROUBLES ARE A LOT OF OFFICIAL DENIALS AND FAST-TALK
NO ONE HAS HAD COURTESY TO COME TO ME AND SAY, CONGRESSMAN
BALOS, HOW CAN WE HELP YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE?
CONGRESSMAN, HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER AND HELP THOSE PEOPLE?

25. I AM TALKING ABOUT HUMAN LIVES--FLESH AND BLOOD -- NOT
POLITICS. END TEXT. DORRANCE.

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